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PRIORITY RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Parental Involvement
2. Health Education
3. Early Care and Education

Issues

Issues are the primary concerns or problems facing children in the county.

Health - Children's (0 - 19) physical and mental well-being in the county.

Health Education

Policy Council Action Steps:

- make application for a grant that will allow for education about general health issues

Substance Abuse

Policy Council Action Steps:

- provide resource manual listing availability of services for prevention and treatment, booth on a county and state level

Teen Pregnancy

Policy Council Action Steps:

- work toward developing after school programs for teens, making parents a component of any programs offered

Safety - Children live free of abuse, neglect, crime, and drugs.

Abuse and Neglect

Policy Council Action Steps:

- promote and expand existing Parent Project program
- regular education updates to inform reporting agencies about what the law requires them to report
- promote public education during April informing the public about how and where to report child abuse

Anger Management

Policy Council Action Steps:

- Education of youth at an earlier age regarding anger management by developing a program targeted at a younger age group.

School Safety

Policy Council Action Steps:

- assist and support the board of education in identifying issues
- support grant applications by board of education to improve school safety

Education - Children learn the skills necessary to become productive citizens.

Drop out Rate

Policy Council Action Steps:

- establish a committee to work with the Board of Education to identify reasons for drop out and develop programs to address those issues

School Pride

Policy Council Action Steps:

- educate community about the successes within the county school system
- work toward increased statistical improvements

Parental Involvement

Policy Council Action Steps:

- educate parents about the importance of their involvement in their child's education

Early Care and

Education - Children (0 – 5) are provided opportunities to fully develop emotionally, socially, physically, and cognitively and are ready to succeed.

School Readiness 0-5

Policy Council Action Steps:

- secure grant funding for school readiness programs

Lack of Availability of Child Care

Policy Council Action Steps:

- research grants and industry funding for day cares

Economic Security

- Children grow up in a financially stable home where the child's basic needs can be met.

Lack of Jobs

Policy Council Action Steps:

- promote county by showing strength of our council and Resource Center

Work ethics of workforce

Policy Council Action Steps:

- continue programs such as parenting classes, which are already in place. These classes address not only good parenting skills but parental responsibility, which includes steady employment

Parent Involvement and Skills

- Parents and guardians participation and effectiveness in fostering an environment for children to become mature, responsible and independent adults.

Single Parent Homes

Policy Council Action Steps:

- seek funding for Fatherhood Initiative programs, thereby encouraging the participation of the absence father in the child's life

Parenting Education

Policy Council Action Steps:

- continue with current parent classes being offered now
- expansion of existing parenting classes to include classes for custodial grandparents

Policy Recommendation

1. Make it mandatory that children must attend school within the county in which they live, as teacher units and funding are directly related to the number of students enrolled in any given school.
2. Make funding availability so that that every county can have adequate K-4 programs and accept all students who wish to attend not just on a first come first serve basis.

